

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-6, 9-25, and 27-36 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. Claims 3-6 and 27 have been amended. New claims 33-36 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Applicant believes the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 9-25 and 30-32.

Claims 3-6 have been amended to depend from claim 9. New claims 33-36 depend from claim 30. Thus, claims 3-6 and 33-36 are allowable.

Claim 27 has been amended to depend from claim 9. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 27 is of proper dependent form by further limiting the subject matter of claim 9. Claim 27 recites "further comprising receiving a write request during said converting in order to store write data to said storage system and in response thereto writing at least a first block of data to said storage system, said first block of data comprising data to be written, wherein if said first block of data is targeted to a converted block of data, then encrypting at least some of said converted block of data using said cryptographic criteria to produce said first block of data." Receiving a write request during the converting further limits the subject matter of claim 9. Therefore, Applicant believes dependent claim 27 and claims 28-29 depending therefrom are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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